

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BENTLEY, UTAH, FEBRUARY 18, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM at the Escalante Valley Building.

The following water users were in attendance:

Clinton Bowler  
Normand Laub  
Leland A. Holt  
Delmar F. Jones  
Arthur V. Piper  
Brad Bowler  
Leon Bowler  
Howard Bracken  
Steven Jones  
Lister E. Woods  
Niels L. Nielsen  
Craig Clark  
Darwin Hulet  
A. Morley Wilson  
Michael G. Emack

Weston Randall  
Marvin Bracken  
Gene Lilley  
Lane Moyle  
Max Cannon  
Charles Twitchell  
Neal Bracken  
Willard Humphries  
Lafe Staheli  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Mackelprang  
E. F. Adams  
N. G. Winsor  
John McGarry  
Sherwood Bracken  
Larry Tullis

H. Wayne Holt  
C. W. Whitelaw  
Evan Hansen  
Lehi Wood  
Dan Tullis  
Larry Banks  
Terry Pedersen  
Bill Fain

In addition, Mr. Don Norseth, Mr. Gerald Stoker, Mr. Norm Day and Mr. Lorin Sperry were in attendance representing the State Engineer and Division of Water Rights. Also in attendance Mr. Grant Twitchell, Water Commissioner.

Mr. Norseth opened with a few remarks and turned the meeting over to Mr. Sherwood Bracken, President of the Water Users who would conduct the balance of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, John M. McGarry and were approved as read.

Mr. Norseth presented the financial report on the operations of the distribution system and the report was approved as read under a motion by Lister Woods, seconded by Clinton Bowler.

Mr. Grant Twitchell, Water Commissioner expressed his appreciation for the support and assistance of all of the water users and then presented a short summary of his report for the year 1975 as follows:

1975  
84,130.  
7,667.97  
228  
18  
3923.62

Acre Feet Pumped  
Surface Water Used (ac. ft.)  
Number of Wells  
Number of Wells Overpumped  
Acre Feet Overpumped

1974  
88,042.95  
14,121.  
235  
12  
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Mr. Twitchell indicated that there were 25 pumps that indicated a bad meter at the last reading taken this past fall. Mr. Twitchell then passed out printed copies of the Commissioners Annual Report for 1975. The commissioners report was approved under a motion by Morley Wilson, seconded by Willard Humphries and passed.

Mr. Bracken then stated that the next item on the agenda would be the preparation of a budget for the operating year 1976. Mr. Norseth reported on the budget for 1975 and indicated that the major variance in the budgeted and expended items being the \$137.50 budgeted for the Utah Water Users Assn. which was not paid because a voucher had not been submitted.



The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM at the Calaveras Valley Community Building.

The following water users were in attendance:

H. Wayne Holt	Western Randall	Clinton Bowler
C. W. Whitelaw	Marvin Bracken	Normand Leach
Edna Hansen	Gene Lilly	Deland A. Holt
Leah Wood	Lane Moly	James E. Jones
Ben Tullis	Max Gandon	Arthur V. Fisher
Larry Banks	Charles Twitcheall	Bred Bowler
Terry Peterson	Neal Bracken	Leon Bowler
Bill Cain	Willard Humphries	Howard Bracken
	Lyle Stahl	Steven Jones
	Mr. & Mrs. D. Beckelprange	Robert A. Woods
	S. F. Adams	Wanda L. Wilson
	M. G. Wilson	Grady Clark
	John McGarity	William Holt
	Sherwood Bracken	A. Norley Wilson
	Larry Tullis	Michael G. Black

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Number of Wells	Number of Wells
Number of Wells Overpumped	Number of Wells Overpumped
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Mr. Bracken asked for comments from the floor as each item in the proposed budget for 1976 were discussed. Mr. Bracken indicated that amounts would be discussed and set and the entire budget then presented for approval. Mr. Clinton Bowler suggested an increase from \$150. to \$200.00 for the commissioners annual report so that everyone wanting a copy could have one.

Mr. Don Norseth read a letter from the Utah Water Users Association asking for our support and membership in their association. A Motion was made by Morley Wilson, seconded by Leon Bowler that funds be budgeted and sent to the Utah Water Users Association for membership in the amount of \$160.00 and that the funds from last years budget be returned to the general fund. Motion passed.

The Major Changes in the new budget indicate an increase to \$96.80 in the Matching State Retirement, \$200.00 for the commissioners report, \$160.00 for Utah Water Users Association and \$19.60 in the Miscellaneous Expense.

A Motion was made by Mike Zaack, seconded by Art Piper, that the budget for the year 1976, including the above changes, for a total expenditure of \$3,100.00 be approved and authorized. Motion Carried.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the assessment to the water users to cover the budget of \$3,100.00. A Motion was made by Darwin Hulet, seconded by Steve Jones to set the assessment level at \$3,000.00 with the balance of the expenditures to be taken from the reserves. Motion Carried

Mr. Bracken indicated that in past years the board has recommended a water commissioner to the State Engineer, however if those present wanted the action taken now it could be handled that way. Motion by Wayne Holt, seconded by Clinton Bowler that the water commissioner be recommended by board action. Motion passed.

The next item was the nominations for directors to fill the expired terms on the board of Robert Holt, Reed Prince and John M. McGarry. Nominations would be for a two year term. Mr. Bracken said that he was now representing the Enterprise Reservoir Company on the board, so he would have to be replaced as a director. Those in attendance indicated that would prefer the directors to appoint a director to fill Mr. Brackens remaining year on the board.

Those nominated as directors for a two year term were:

John McGarry by Max Cannon  
Wayne Holt by Clinton Bowler  
Leon Bowler by Normand Laub  
Normand Laub by Craig Clark  
Marvin Bracken by Max Cannon  
Niels Nielsen by Marvin Bracken

Wayne Holt indicated that he would be unable to serve. Mr. Clinton Bowler made a motion that nominations cease and we proceed to ballot. Motion passed

Mr. Bracken then had ballots passed out and appointed Wayne Holt and Gerald Stoker as election judges.



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While the ballots were being counted, the Chairman indicated this would be a good time to discuss other items of general interest. Mr. Darwin Hulet asked what we could do to have meter parts available and meters repaired locally. It was indicated that Jack Moyle no longer had parts. A motion was made by Morley Wilson, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the board give consideration on this problem and approach Ivan Barlow at Crossroads Equipment about stocking parts and repairing meters. Motion passed.

The results of the election were announced: John M. McGarry  
Niels Nielsen  
Marvin Bracken

The composition of the board for the year 1976 is as follows:

One Year Term: Max Cannon  
Sherwood Bracken (see note)

Two Year Term: John M. McGarry  
Niels L. Nielsen  
Marvin Bracken

Sherwood Bracken, Enterprise Reservoir Company  
Richard Jones, Newcastle Reservoir Company  
Albert Harrison, Pinto Irrigation Company

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**John M. McGarry, Secretary**

cc: State Engineer  
Sherwood Bracken  
Grant Twitchell

**Note:** At a board of directors meeting following the annual meeting, the board appointed Normand Laub for a one year term on the board to replace Sherwood Bracken.

Board Meeting  
Escalante Valley Water Users Association  
February 18, 1976

Following the annual water users meeting, the newly formed board of directors met to organize the board for the year and take care of other items of business as directed in the annual meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Sherwood Bracken, with John McGarry, Max Cannon, Niels Nielsen and Marvin Bracken in attendance.

A motion was made by Niels Nielsen, seconded by Max Cannon that John McGarry and Sherwood Bracken continue to serve as Secretary and President respectively for another year. Motion passed.

Mr. Bracken indicated that the board should appoint someone to replace him as an elected member of the board as he is already on the board representing the Enterprise Reservoir Company. Motion by Max Cannon, seconded by Niels Nielsen that we take the next highest nominee in the balloting which is Normand Laub. Motion passed.

Following a general discussion it was unanimously decided that Mr. Grant Twitchell be accepted and the board recommend to the State Engineer the appointment as water commissioner for the year 1976. Adopted and passed under a motion by Max Cannon, seconded by Niels Nielsen.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McGarry, Secretary

cc: State Engineer  
Sherwood Bracken  
Grant Twitchell